

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

I received the sad news that two long time residents have passed. Past Village President/Mayor David McAfee died on February 19, 2005. David was our mayor from 1987 to 1991. Prior to serving as mayor, David served 4 years as Village Trustee. After completing his term as mayor, David went on to serve the residents of this District in Springfield as State Representative for 2 terms.

Upon hearing of David's death, Mayor Pellegrino stated "We will always remember Dave's warm smile and extended hand of friendship. All of the people of Indian Head Park have been blessed to have had David McAfee touch our lives".

On January 10, 2005, Marian Berger died. Marian and her husband, David, served our Village for several years before they moved to Arizona. David was our Village Architect. Marian was Deputy Clerk from 1985 to 1992. She also became an administrative secretary in 1991 and she worked on preparing *SMOKE SIGNALS*. The Mayor and Board of Trustees extend their deepest sympathy to the McAfee and Berger families and friends.

Recently, those of you who live in the School District, received in the mail a letter from LaGrange Highlands School District 106 stating "...local Western Springs ordinances would provide the district with impact fees. Currently there are no impact fees for schools required by either Indian Head Park or Cook County annexation ordinances." Prior to Dartmoor's selection to annex into the Village of Western Springs, Dartmoor had represented to our Village that, if Indian Head Park was selected, an amount of \$800,000.00 would be donated to School District 106 as an impact fee. District 106 reached an understanding with Dartmoor regarding the potential impact of their development based on the annexation of the property into the Village of Western Springs; the impact fee of \$800,000.00 was agreed upon to maintain academic excellence, according to the letter.

In the past, developers have negotiated impact fees directly with our local School District. It has been the traditional position of the Village that not having a specific ordinance would allow for more flexibility in negotiations; by not

"locking in" a formula that may subsequently become inadequate due to free market factors. However, your Village Board is in the process of revisiting and analyzing an impact fee ordinance for school districts after listening to suggestions from our residents. Later in this newsletter, you will read a letter from our Mayor, Rich Pellegrino, to Mr. Taylor of Dartmoor Homes outlining our concerns regarding his development and its impact on the residents of Indian Head Park. This letter was sent with the unanimous support of the Village Board. The letter also includes recommendations for the safety of our children. Your Administration continues its vigilance concerning Timber Trails. At our last Board meeting, Trustee Anselmo requested that Director Grane conduct a study of neighboring Villages to determine what, if any, impact fee ordinances are in place. We will keep you informed as our study progresses.

Congratulations to **Valerie Moody**, a local business owner, who was recognized by *The Doings* newspaper for giving "Gifts of the Heart". Valerie offered free video-taped sessions at her **REEL LIFE** business to area residents so they could send Valentine greetings to their relatives serving in the Middle East. We applaud her generosity and thoughtfulness.

Mark your calendars for the annual **EASTER EGG HUNT** hosted by the Village of Indian Head Park which will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. in Blackhawk Park. The **EASTER BUNNY** will be there so remember to bring your camera.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Anne Bermier

P.S. A giant standing ovation to our very own **Kathleen Graffam** who will be completing her tenure as President of the LaGrange Area League of Women Voters in May. Well done!!

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NOTEWORTHY LETTERS

February 16, 2005

Western Springs One, LLC/Dartmoor Homes
Mr. Patrick Taylor
2500 West Higgins Road, Suite #120
Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60195

Dear Mr. Taylor:

In the interest of maintaining a dialogue through open lines of communication, the Village of Indian Head Park is requesting that Western Springs One, LLC consider the suggestions contained in this correspondence as set forth below.

It is this regard, in a letter dated January 31, 2005, distributed by the LaGrange Highlands School District 106 to the community, the School District indicated that they had reached an "understanding" with Dartmoor Homes that a fair and equitable impact fee to be paid by Dartmoor to School District 106 equaled the amount of \$800,000.00.

As you will recall, prior to Dartmoor's selection to annex to Western Springs, Dartmoor had represented to the Village of Indian Head Park that if Indian Head Park was selected, an amount of \$800,000.00 would be donated to School District 106 as an impact fee; even though Indian Head Park did not have a specific ordinance directing it to do so.

Accordingly, in our letter to you dated November 22, 2004, we specifically requested that Dartmoor provide additional funds to provide bus service and warming shelters for our school children in addition to the \$800,000.00 monetary impact fee. Of course, this additional component to be effected if the school board, in their jurisdictional analysis, thought it desirable and practical.

As such, if bus service is deemed by District 106 to be unworkable, then we believe the monetary impact fee should be increased to One Million Dollars.

Therefore, in the interest of our taxpayers, we submit the following recommendations for your analysis in order to facilitate a well-reasoned approach:

1. School District 106 will receive a minimum monetary fee of \$800,000.00 plus payment for a bus service system if the school board so desires. If bus service is unworkable, an additional \$200,000.00 monetary impact fee.
2. That your company provide for the construction and payment for a pedestrian walkway on the south side of Plainfield Road.
3. That your company provide both impact fees and related improvements, including, but not limited to those delineated above, even if your property is ultimately developed in unincorporated Cook County which does not require any impact fees.

For your historical edification, prior to Dartmoor's involvement in the community, two referendums to increase the property taxes of School District 106 taxpayers were presented to the electorate. In November of 2000, the referendum failed. Thereafter in April of 2001 the referendum passed.

Please understand that from Indian Head Park's perspective, impact fees are not a means of charity or a "hand out" or a "profit penalty", it is a way for those who are entering a community to achieve a degree of parity with those who have already contributed and shared the tax burden for years.

Accordingly, the impact fees suggested will hopefully prevent the need to return to the already overburdened taxpayers to ask for another school tax increase in the future.

In conclusion, although you have chosen to develop in either Western Springs or Cook County, the Village of Indian Head Park will be impacted by your development given the fact of geographic contiguity. Our requests are presented within the spirit of neighborly respect and with appreciation for common sense solutions.

Sincerely yours,

Richard F. Pellegrino, Mayor

Pc: Board of Trustees

LaGrange Highlands School District 106

Village of Indian Head Park
201 Acacia Drive
Indian Head Park, IL 60525

HAND DELIVERED

February 24, 2005

Village of Western Springs
Plan Commission
740 Hillgrove Avenue
Western Springs, IL 60558
Attn: Mr. Gregory Smith, Chairman

Dear Chairman Smith:

The Village of Indian Head Park does hereby request that the following be read into and made part of the official public record, relative to the Western Springs One, LLC/Dartmoor Homes development proposal that is currently before the Village Plan Commission.

Accordingly, the Village of Indian Head Park asserts:

1. That the density as proposed and attending vehicular traffic manifests the need to widen Plainfield Road on it's northern side. This would allow for a center lane along the entirety of Plainfield Road. Additionally, right turn lanes need to be installed at the intersection of Plainfield and Wolf where none presently exist. Also, right turn lanes are needed at each entry point of the development. These traffic engineering changes are recommended for public safety and to alleviate congestion.
2. Although a modicum of the "barricade effect" along Plainfield Road has been diminished since the developer's initial conceptual plan was presented, any townhomes along Plainfield Road or at the corner of Plainfield and Wolf Roads is unacceptable to the Village of Indian Head Park.
3. Indian Head Park has great concern over any reconfiguration or developmental impact of Flagg Creek as it relates to the entirety of the creek flow and the potential for flooding in all communities along the creek.
4. Obviously the maximization of tree preservation must be effectuated during all phases of construction. There is an inextricable link between density and tree preservation. Please note that all of these items continue to be matters of paramount importance to the residents of Indian Head Park.

Thanking you in advance for your professionalism in our mutual quest to facilitate the regional greater good, I remain

Very Truly Yours,
Richard F. Pellegrino
Mayor

Pc: Board of Trustees
Patrick Taylor, Western Springs One, LLC/Dartmoor Homes

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Deadline date for the next issue is March 21, 2005.

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IHP Woman's Club News

The March meeting of the Indian Head Park Woman's Club will be held on March 15th, at the Village Hall, 201 Acacia Drive at 7:00 P.M. The social hour is from 7:00 to 7:30 followed by the business part of the meeting which begins at 7:30 P.M. Immediately following the meeting will be this month's program. The program for March is called a "Prelude to Spring." The new fashions and accessories will be available for your viewing pleasure courtesy of *Mary Ann's Shoppe of LaGrange Fashion Boutique*. Someone will be available to answer your questions regarding what is the latest in fashion, colors, etc. for spring. You certainly will not want to miss it. Looking on to April, the Indian Head Park Woman's Club membership meeting will be held on April 19, 2005 at the Village Hall, 201 Acacia Drive at 7:00 P.M. The business meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. with first vice-president Cathy Janik presiding. April's program consists of a slide presentation featuring the Rhine Valley, Bavaria and Vienna, presented by Carl DiNello. The program will begin at 8:00 P.M. The slide presentation is open to the public as are all of the Woman's Club programs.

Information is now available for our largest fund raiser of the year. On Saturday, **April 30th, 2005**, the club will sponsor a spring luncheon. It will be held at the *Oak Brook Bath and Tennis Club*. The club is located at 800 Oak Brook Rd. (31st Street) The luncheon is called **BLAST FROM THE PAST**. The entertainment will be *Nowstalgia*, for your listening pleasure. The function will begin at 11:00 A.M., lunch will be served at 12:00, and it will run until 3:00 P.M. Raffles tickets will be sold (6 for \$5) during the day. The raffles are gift baskets donated by the area's local businesses. This year's recipient for the woman's club donation is funded by the selling of tickets and raffles financed by your generosity. The organization that will benefit for this year is called *Giant Steps Illinois*. It is a school located in Burr Ridge for children with autism. The tickets are \$35.00 so please call Pat Pollock at (630) 655-0512 to order them for your group. If you know of a business that would like to donate an article for our baskets, you may also call the contact person above. So let's get the word out to support this worthy cause.



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County Clerk's Office has a five-year program for any physically incapacitated person, which enables that person to automatically receive an application for absentee ballots for any election once enrolled in the program. Also, there is a two year program for any student who will be away at school during the times of elections. Through this program, students will automatically receive an application for absentee ballots for any election upon receipt of an application to be entered into the program. For further details, please visit the Cook County Clerk's Office Website at: www.voterinfo.net or contact Joan at the Cook County Clerk's Office at (312) 603-0929. .

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From the Chief's Office . . .

Wayne P. Grane, Chief of Police

Watch for Suspicious Activity in your Neighborhood

Residents should alert the police to suspicious vehicles and persons in their neighborhood. It can assist the police in solving and preventing crimes if residents call when they observe the suspicious activity. Often times residents do not call because they believe they are "bothering" the police with a non-emergency. Remember that the police are here to protect residents, homes and businesses and following up on your call is no bother. Residents can do their part to protect their homes and valuables.

Make your house uninviting to criminals by keeping doors locked and security systems activated. Do not leave car keys or valuables in your vehicle and make sure to lock your car doors. Please contact the police department non-emergency telephone number at (708) 246-4534 to speak with an officer if you are in need of suggestions to make your home more secure. If you wish to prevent door-to-door solicitors from disturbing you at home, "No Solicitation" decals are available, at no cost, at the Police Department offices.

Scheduled Meeting Dates

Village Board of Trustees:

Thursday, March 10, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 14, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission:

Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Municipal Facility at 201 Acacia Drive. All residents are welcomed!

TRADING POST

Yoga Beginning Hatha Yoga classes are held at Lyonsville Congregational Church (Joliet and Wolf Roads) on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. \$40.00 for six weeks. To register, send an email to: yogateachersgrp@aol.com or call (708) 246-4311.

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Student News

Lyons Township High School District 204 Lyons Township High School recently announced the list of Illinois State Scholars. One hundred and sixty-two Lyons Township High School seniors were recently named 2004-2005 Illinois State Scholars. The Scholar program recognizes high school students for outstanding academic achievement. Students ranking in the top ten percent of the state's 137,000 high school graduating seniors have been named State Scholars. Selection is based on SAT I and/or ACT Test score results and/or the students' class rank at the end of the junior year of high school. Congratulations to the following Indian Head Park students who were named Illinois State Scholars: Lisa M. Brandush, Michael Eckwall, Eleni C. Hasiakos, Valerie D. Kovalsky, Alexandra E. Lanzel, Natalie A. Mikat-Stevens and Gary V. Novak.

Pleasantdale School District 107 Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who earned honor roll status at Pleasantdale Middle School: Katelyn Perrino (gold honor roll), Snjezana Jovanovic and Bridget Anselmo (silver honor roll) Katherine Bailey and Timothy Stuart (bronze honor roll).

Albion College - Michigan Congratulations to Kelly Parsell, of Indian Head Park, a sophomore at Albion College in Michigan, who was named to the Albion College Dean's List for the Fall 2004 semester. Kelly is studying at Albion in the Honors Institute Program and pursuing a double major in Psychology and Art. Kelly's mother, Barbara Parsell, is very proud of her daughter's accomplishments.

College of DuPage The College of DuPage announced academic honors for students who earned six or more credits and a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0. Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park: Lee Dekorsi, Lois Fagin, Ericka Kouba, Daniel Opila, Ann Pokusa, Jennifer Sass, Stephen Schwaegerman, Philip Sulentic, Erik Voit and Jamie Weyforth.

Northwestern University - Evanston, Illinois Allison Valenta of Indian Head Park, a student in the School of Music at Northwestern University, was named to the Dean's List for the last quarter of the 2004-2005 academic year. Students on the Dean's List have attained a grade point average of at least 3.75 to 4.0.

Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park Nazareth Academy named the following Indian Head Park students to the honor roll for the first quarter of the 2004-2005 school year: Cate Gula, Samantha Matkovich and Lauren Gula.

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If you are planning to move from the community and receive water and sewer services through the Village of Indian Head Park, please contact Judy in the Water Department billing office at (708) 246-3080 so that we can schedule a final water reading and update our records.

Six Lyons Township High School students were named final-

ists in the annual Best of College Photography Student Photography Contest, sponsored by Photographer's Forum Magazine. More than 30,000 photographic entries were submitted from students across the United States. Only the top 7% were selected as finalists. Congratulations to Madeleine Suter of Indian Head Park who will have her work printed in the Best of College Photography Annual 2005 publication.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the families and friends of residents who recently passed away: Edward Cycon, who was an airline pilot at American Airlines for 34 years until his retirement, he served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and was a member of Silver Stripes and Pioneer Airman OX Club. Our condolences are also extended to the families and friends of David McAfee and Marian Berger who were mentioned earlier in the Administration Message.

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